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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: GROUP TO BE FORMED TO
STUDY EURODIF II

REF: PARIS 134

SUMMARY: FRENCH, IRANIANS AND EURODIF ARE REPORTED
TO BE NEARING AGREEMENT TO FORM COREDIF, TO STUDY
THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A SECOND COMMERCIAL
URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT USING FRENCH TECHNOLOGY.
END SUMMARY

1. REFTEL DESCRIBES JAN 2, 1975 ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT IRANIANS WILL LEND \$1 BILLION TO MEET FRENCH ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMISSION (CEA) TO FINANCE EURODIF,
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TAKE A 10 PERCENT SHARE IN EURODIF, AND ESTABLISH

WITH THE CEA A GROUP TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A SECOND ENRICHMENT PLANT USING FRENCH GASEOUS DIFFUSION TECHNOLOGY. TO THIS LATTER END, DISCUSSIONS ARE WELL ADVANCED, AND AN AGREEMENT APPEARS IMMINENT FOR THE FORMATION OF COREDIF (COMPAGNIE DE RECHERCHE ET D'ETUDE SUR LA DIFFUSION GAZEUSE), ACCORDING TO PARIS PAPERS, AS CONFIRMED BY THE CEA INTERNATIONAL OFFICE. COREDIF WOULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A SECOND URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT, EURODIF II. PARTICIPATING IN COREDIF WOULD BE EURODIF (51 PERCENT), THE CEA (29 PERCENT), AND IRANIAN ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICE (20 PERCENT). IT IS EXPECTED THAT A FIRM DECISION ON EURODIF II WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE END OF 1975 OR IN THE BEGINNING OF 1976.

2. COMMENT: FIGARO, LE MONDE, AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESS EACH COMMENTED THAT DECISION ON EURODIF II HINGED ON WHETHER THE U.S. DECIDES TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT PLANT. ANNOUNCEMENT TO PRESS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE TO COINCIDE WITH INFORMAL VISIT OF SHAH TO PARIS THIS WEEK.
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